

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S1873–S1911*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 584–601, and S. Res. 77–79. **Page S1892**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Reported on Friday, March 15, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023. **Page S1892**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**National Asbestos Awareness Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 66, designating the first week of April 2013 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1911**

**Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day. **Page S1911**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 933, making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1874–87**

Pending:

Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1874**

Toomey Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26), to increase by \$60,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense for programs, projects, and

activities in the continental United States, and to provide an offset. **Page S1874**

Durbin Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 115), to change the enactment date. **Page S1874**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 38), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26. **Page S1882**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 2013; and that the time during adjournment, recess and morning business count post-cloture on Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26 (listed above). **Page S1911**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President dated March 2013 with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers for 2013, received during adjournment of the Senate on March 15, 2013; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM–6) **Page S1891**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1891**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1891**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S1873, S1891**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1892–94**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1889–91**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1909–10**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Pages S1910–11**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1911**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Page S1882**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

March 19, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1911.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how comprehensive immigration

reform should address the needs of women and families, after receiving testimony from Ai-jen Poo, National Domestic Workers Alliance, New York, New York; Karen Panetta, The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers—United States of America, Medford, Massachusetts; Mee Moua, Asian American Justice Center, on behalf of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, and Susan F. Martin, Georgetown University, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer Ng'andu, National Council of La Raza, Arlington, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 1232–1243; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 37; and H. Res. 123–126 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H1568–69

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 18, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 113–18);

H. Con. Res. 19, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 113–19);

H. Res. 115, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–20) and;

H. Res. 122, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 115) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–21).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wenstrup to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 284 yeas to 103 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 76.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:04 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

*Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service:* H. Con. Res. 18, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 77 and

Pages H1554–55, H1557–58

*Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:* H. Con. Res. 19, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 78.

Pages H1555–56, H1558–59

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1556.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1557, H1557–58 and H1558. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS, COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on District of Columbia Courts, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Oversight. Testimony was heard from Nancy M. Ware, Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; Eric T. Washington, Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, and Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and Lee F. Satterfield, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

### **SAVING SENIORS AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS FROM AN ENTITLEMENT CRISIS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Saving Seniors and Our Most Vulnerable Citizens from an Entitlement Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSE OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 25, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023; and House Resolution 115, providing for the expense of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H. Con. Res. 25. The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady of Texas and Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be consid-

ered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan (WI) and Representatives Van Hollen, Mulvaney, Scott (VA), Woodall, Jackson Lee, Ellison, and Grijalva.

The rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 22, 2013 through April 8, 2013: (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; (b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment; and (c) bills and resolutions introduced during the period addressed by this section shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred by the Speaker at a later time. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546).

The rule provides a closed rule for H. Res. 115. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Nugent.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a briefing on cybersecurity threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing in SVC-217, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine bipartisan solutions for housing finance reform, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine streamlining regulation, improving consumer protection and increasing competition in insurance markets, 3 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine developments and opportunities in United States fisheries management, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the options and challenges related to possible reauthorization and reform of two payment programs for local governments, focusing on the recently expired "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act" and the "Payment in Lieu of Taxes", 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the President's 2013 trade agenda, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Syria's humanitarian crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine keeping savings in the retirement system, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and Karol Virginia Mason, of Georgia, to be an Assistant

Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the American Airlines/US Airways merger, focusing on consolidation, competition, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, Environmental Management, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request for the U.S. House of Representatives Officers, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on General Services Administration Oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Top Management Challenges at the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education: Perspective from the Inspector Generals, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Science Foundation Budget; and Youth Violence Research, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operation, and Related Programs, hearing for public and outside witnesses, 12:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, hearing on Indian Health Oversight, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Quality of Life in the Military, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Equipping, Modernizing, and Sustaining the National Guard and Reserve Components as an Operational Force in a time of Budget Uncertainty, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the U.S. Nuclear Deterrent: What Are the Requirements for A Strong Deterrent in an Era of Defense Sequester?, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "American Energy Security and Innovation: The Role of Regulators and Grid Operators in Meeting Natural Gas and Electric Coordination Challenges", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: Harnessing Wireless Innovation”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: An Update from the Federal Housing Finance Agency on the GSE Conservatorships”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan” (Part I), 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Homeland Security Grants: Measuring Our Investments”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “DHS Information Technology: How Effectively Has DHS Harnessed IT to Secure Our Borders and Uphold Immigration Laws?”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigation, hearing entitled “The Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Part 1”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Release of Criminal Detainees by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Policy or Politics?”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environment Regulations, hearing on H.R. 1126, to facilitate the completion of an appropriate national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Authorization, standards, and procedures for whether, how, and when Indian tribes should be newly recognized by the federal government: Perspective of the Department of the Interior”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “DOD and DHS: Implementing Agency Watchdogs’ Recommendations Could Save Taxpayers Billions”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census joint subcommittee hearing entitled, “Sequestration Oversight: Understanding the Administration’s Decisions on Spending Cuts and Furloughs”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements entitled “The Department of Energy’s Strategy for Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas”, 3 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Threats from Space: A Review of U.S. Government Efforts to Track and Mitigate Asteroids and Meteors, Part 1”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Consistently Inconsistent: Challenges for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses” 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Investigations and the Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Consistently Inconsistent: Challenges for Service-Owned Small Businesses”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tax Reform and Tax Provisions Affecting State and Local Governments”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to hold hearings to examine the trajectory of democracy in Hungary, focusing on Hungary’s constitutional changes with a particular view to the independence of the judiciary, present-day Hungary’s relationship to its Holocaust-era past, and the implications of Hungary’s sweeping legal changes for civil society, including an independent media and religious organizations, 3 p.m., SVC-210.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 19 through March 22, 2013

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 933, Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 19, to hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 19, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a briefing on cybersecurity threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing in SVC-217, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine bipartisan solutions for housing finance reform, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 19, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine streamlining regulation, improving consumer protection and increasing competition in insurance markets, 3 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 19, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine developments and opportunities in United States fisheries management, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 20, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine assessing the risks, impacts, and solutions for space threats, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) progress on key safety initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 19, to hold hearings to examine the options and challenges related to possible reauthorization and reform of two payment programs for local governments, focusing on the recently expired "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act" and the "Payment in Lieu of Taxes", 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 20, business meeting to consider S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 19, to hold hearings to examine the President's 2013 trade agenda, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reforming the delivery system, focusing on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 19, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Syria's humanitarian crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism policies and priorities, focusing on addressing the evolving threat, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

March 21, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Asia, focusing on democracy, good governance and human rights, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 19, to hold hearings to examine keeping savings in the retirement system, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

March 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013", and S. 330, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine Hurricane Sandy,

focusing on getting the recovery right and the value of mitigation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on a progress report on management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the American Airlines/US Airways merger, focusing on consolidation, competition, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and Karol Virginia Mason, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of drones in America, focusing on law enforcement and privacy considerations, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine building an immigration system worthy of American values, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs mental health care, focusing on ensuring timely access to high-quality care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 19, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 20, Full Committee, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 634, the "Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013"; H.R. 677, the "Inter-Affiliate Swap Clarification Act"; H.R. 742, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2013"; H.R. 992, the "Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act"; H.R. 1003, to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; H.R. 1038, the "Public Power Risk Management Act of 2013"; and legislation regarding the "Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act," 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, Environmental Management, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request for the U.S. House of Representatives Officers, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on General Services Administration Oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Top Management Challenges at the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education: Perspective from the Inspectors General, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Science Foundation Budget; and Youth Violence Research, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operation, and Related Programs, hearing for public and outside witnesses, 12:30 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Interior, hearing on Indian Health Oversight, 1:30 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Quality of Life in the Military, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Children's Mental Health, Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Oversight, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Major Construction Projects of the Department of Energy Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Judiciary Oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Education: Perspective from the Inspectors General, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Agriculture, hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing for Members of Congress and outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on Federal Transit Administration Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Inspector General Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 19, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Equipping, Modernizing, and Sustaining the National Guard and Reserve Components as an Operational Force in a time of Budget Uncertainty, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the U.S. Nuclear Deterrent: What Are the Requirements for A Strong Deterrent in an Era of Defense Sequester?, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, Full Committee, hearing on the Posture of the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on an Update on Military Suicide Prevention, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1120, the "Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "American Energy Security and Innovation: The Role of Regulators and Grid Operators in Meeting Natural Gas and Electric Coordination Challenges", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Health Information Technologies: Harnessing Wireless Innovation", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Health Information Technologies: How Innovation Benefits Patients", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on "Our Nation of Builders: The Strength of Steel", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Health Information Technologies: Administration Perspectives on Innovation and Regulation", 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Sustainable Housing Finance: An Update from the Federal Housing Finance Agency on the GSE Conservatorships", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "State of Community Banking: Is the Current Regulatory Environment Adversely Affecting Community Financial Institutions?", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 19, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan" (Part I), 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Crisis in Syria: The U.S. Response", 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on "Hezbollah's Strategic Shift: A Global Terrorist Threat", 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Cyber Attacks: An

Unprecedented Threat to U.S. National Security” 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 19, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Homeland Security Grants: Measuring Our Investments”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “DHS Information Technology: How Effectively Has DHS Harnessed IT to Secure Our Borders and Uphold Immigration Laws?”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 20, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Measuring Outcomes to Understand the State of Border Security”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 20, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology, hearing entitled “Cyber Threats from China, Russia and Iran: Protecting American Critical Infrastructure”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 19, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigation, hearing entitled “The Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Part 1”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Release of Criminal Detainees by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Policy or Politics?”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, markup on H.R. 367, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013”; and H.R. 982, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “The Register’s Call for Updates to U.S. Copyright Law”, 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 19, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environment Regulations, hearing on H.R. 1126, to facilitate the completion of an appropriate national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 19, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Authorization, standards, and procedures for whether, how, and when Indian tribes should be newly recognized by the federal government: Perspective of the Department of the Interior”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 20, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”; H.R. 254, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; H.R. 291, the “Black Hills Cemetery Act”; H.R. 507, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act”; H.R. 588, the “Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013”; H.R. 678, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act”; H.R. 716, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 1033, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Amend-

ments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1159, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 910, the “Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1080, to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such an Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “America’s Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America”; H.R. 1063, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013”; H.R. 687, the “South-east Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 697, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; H.R. 761, the “Critical and Strategic Minerals Production Act”; H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 957, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; and H.R. 981, the “Resource Assessment of Rare Earths Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “DOD and DHS: Implementing Agency Watchdogs’ Recommendations Could Save Taxpayers Billions”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census joint subcommittee hearing entitled, “Sequestration Oversight: Understanding the Administration’s Decisions on Spending Cuts and Furloughs”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements entitled “The Department of Energy’s Strategy for Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas”, 3 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the following: legislation concerning the “Federal Information Technology Acquisition and Reform Act”; H.R. 1211, the “FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1163, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013”; H.R. 1162, the “Government Accountability Office Improvement Act”; legislation concerning Presidential and Federal records; H.R. 328, the “Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2013”; H.R. 1133, the “Presidential Library Donation Reform Act”; H.R. 1104, the “Federal Advisory Committee Reform Act”; H.R. 249, the “Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 882, the “Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 313, the “Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013”; and legislation concerning the “DC CFO Act”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Threats from Space: A



Review of U.S. Government Efforts to Track and Mitigate Asteroids and Meteors, Part 1", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "Improving EPA's Scientific Advisory Processes", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing entitled "Examining the Effectiveness of NIST Laboratories", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 19, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Consistently Inconsistent: Challenges for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Entrepreneurial Assistance: Examining Inefficiencies and Duplication Across Federal Programs", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled, "Protecting Small Businesses Against Emerging and Complex Cyber-Attacks," 10 a.m. 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Focusing on People: A Review of VA's Plans for Employee Training, Accountability, and Workload Management to Improve Disability Claims Processing", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Tax Reform and Tax Provisions Affecting State and Local Governments", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled "Challenges of Achieving Fair and Consistent Disability Decisions", 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled "Financial Products Tax Reform", 1:15 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: March 19, to hold hearings to examine the trajectory of democracy in Hungary, focusing on Hungary's constitutional changes with a particular view to the independence of the judiciary, present-day Hungary's relationship to its Holocaust-era past, and the implications of Hungary's sweeping legal changes for civil society, including an independent media and religious organizations, 3 p.m., SVC-210.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 933, Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 25—Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023 (Subject to a Rule).

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